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1. A bone implant comprising a tab member having a proximal end and a distal end, the distal end of said tab member being configured to be removably engageable with the proximal end of an intramedullary rod which is properly disposed within an intramedullary canal of a bone and which has been inserted into said intramedullary canal through an implant incision in the flesh; means for removably engaging the proximal end of an intramedullary rod disposed at the distal end of said tab member; and having at least one bone screw aperture located proximally with respect to said engaging means and sufficiently close to the proximal end of said tab member so as to allow passage of a bone screw through said implant incision,, through said bone screw aperture and into said bone when said tab member is removably engaged to the proximal end of said intramedullary rod.

3. A method for implanting a bone implant comprising:

- a. providing an implant body member for insertion into a bone cavity, said body member having a proximal end and a distal end;
- b. providing an implant tab member having proximal and distal ends and at least one bone fixation aperture to allow for passage of a bone fixation screw for fastening said implant tab member to the bone, wherein the length of said tab member from said distal end to said proximal end varies at points around the periphery of said tab member to define a portion of shorter length as compared to other portions around the periphery and said least one bone fixation aperture is located to be accessible to

FIG. 12

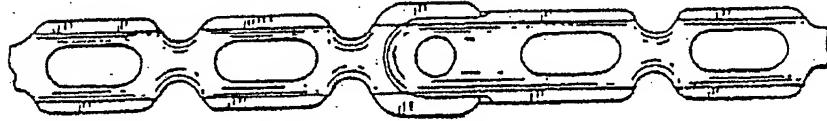


FIG. 13

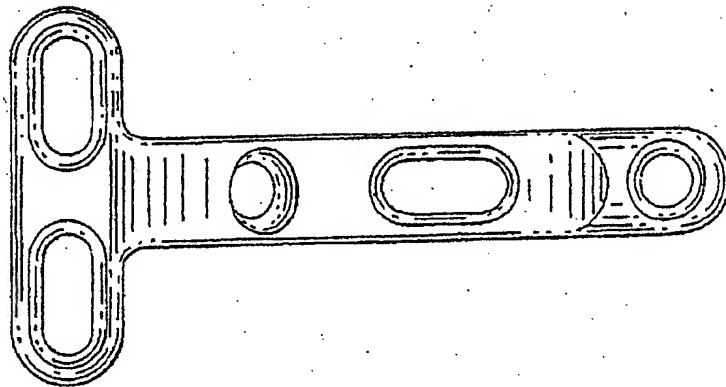


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